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Enclosed please find a response to the May 3, 2005 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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2. Amendment in Response to May 3, 2005 Office Action (5 pages).

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Title:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DECONTAMINATING MAIL

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the May 3, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action"). Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

- 1. Amendment to the Claims; and
- 2. Remarks.

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